



Patient COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

When will patients get the vaccine?

At this point, there are still limited supplies of the vaccine. Family Health La Clinica will be vaccinating people using the instructions and vaccines given to us by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the State of Wisconsin.

Currently we are in the process of providing vaccines to patients who fall under the current eligibility guidelines, which now include individuals 16 years of age and older with certain medical conditions. However, **we use the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) single-dose vaccine which is approved for use in those aged 18+.**

You can check the state eligibility guidelines online [here](#).

As soon as the vaccine is available for eligible patients, we will communicate to all patients through email, text, social media, and our website.

We hope you all will consider getting vaccinated. Again, it's the best way to protect ourselves and those we love. We encourage you to learn more about the vaccine and watch for vaccine updates on our website here: famhealth.com/covid-19.

Do Family Health La Clinica (FHLC) medical providers recommend we get the vaccine?

Yes! FHLC medical providers are excited for the vaccines and recommend all patients who are able get vaccinated!

Check out the posts from our medical providers and other FHLC staff on social media explaining their reasons for getting vaccinated and follow us! [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#)

What vaccines are currently available for patients?

There are three vaccines currently available in the United States. All available vaccines help our immune systems so that when we are exposed to COVID-19, we are ready to fight it. FHLC uses the Janssen vaccine (highlighted below).

Manufacturer	Authorization	Type of Vaccine	Number of Shots
Pfizer	Authorized for ages 16+	mRNA	2 doses, 21 days apart

Additional Patient Resources related to vaccine eligibility in Wisconsin

COVID-19 Vaccine: Who is Eligible in Wisconsin, P-02902

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COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Individuals with Certain Medical Conditions, P-02914G

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Additional General Patient Resources related to COVID-19 Vaccines

[COVID-19 Vaccine \(WI DHS\)](#)

Vaccine Recipient Fact Sheet (CDC)

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Additional Patient Resources on Available Vaccines

[Available COVID-19 Vaccines \(WI-DHS\)](#)

[Different COVID-19 Vaccines \(CDC\)](#)

Moderna	Authorized for 18+	mRNA	2 doses, 28 days apart
Johnson and Johnson (Janssen)	Authorized for 18+	Viral Vector	1 dose

Which vaccines are available for eligible people 16 years and older?

Currently, the Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine authorized for use in people 16 years and older by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Moderna and Janssen vaccines are currently authorized for use in individuals 18 years and older.

FHLC uses the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) single-dose vaccine which is approved for use with those aged 18+. For those aged 16 or 17, Pfizer is approved. This resource may be helpful in locating the Pfizer vaccine near you: <https://vaccinefinder.org>.

Can I choose which COVID-19 vaccine I get?

You should get any COVID-19 vaccine that is available when you are eligible. Do not wait for a specific brand. All currently authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and CDC does not recommend one vaccine over another. **FHLC uses the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) single-dose vaccine.**

Are the vaccines safe?

Yes, the vaccines are safe. These vaccines were tested in trials with thousands of Americans and no serious safety concerns were reported. The FDA takes these approvals very seriously. In addition, the science to develop this vaccine is NOT new. Scientists have been doing research on these types of vaccine for many years with previous outbreaks caused by related viruses. This research gave us a big head start. Safety is the top priority!

The CDC has set up a specific program (V-Safe) to monitor concerns that may come after receiving the vaccine. You can register online. Someone from the CDC will call to check on you at intervals after getting the vaccine. Your personal information will not be stored or shared. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>.

Can I get COVID from the vaccine?

No, you cannot. The available vaccines do NOT contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines use either messenger RNA (mRNA) or a safe version of a different virus (a vector) to deliver important instructions on how to fight the virus. Our cells use these instructions to create a specific protein needed to build immunity.

More Resources on Vaccine Safety

[Ensuring COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in the US \(CDC\)](#)

COVID Vaccine Safety (WI DHS)
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How are COVID-19 Vaccines Authorized? (WI DHS)
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More Resources on How COVID Vaccines Work

[Understanding How COVID-19 Vaccines Work \(CDC\)](#)

[How Bodies Respond to the COVID-19 Vaccine \(WI-DHS\)](#)

Are there side effects from the vaccine?

About 20% of people do experience side effects, such as fever and nausea, for one to two days. This is completely normal and means that both your immune system and the vaccine are doing their job. All results from the trials show a quick recovery from symptoms and no serious side effects. If your symptoms worsen, contact your medical provider.

Are the COVID-19 vaccines effective?

Yes! COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths. Being protected by the vaccine greatly outweighs the risk of getting COVID.

How many shots do I need?

The number of doses you require depends on the vaccine type.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require that you receive 2 doses. The second dose must be taken 3-4 weeks after the first and must be from the same brand (see table above). You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after your second shot.

The Johnson and Johnson vaccine requires one dose, and you are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after your shot. This is the vaccine that we use at Family Health La Clinica.

If it has been less than two weeks since your shot, or if you still need to get your second shot, you are **NOT** fully protected. Keep taking all prevention steps until you are fully vaccinated (two weeks after your final shot).

How long does the immunity last?

At this point, we do not yet know how long immunity will last. This is something important that experts are currently trying to learn more about. The CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

Do I still need to wear a mask and social distance?

YES, we need to use all the tools in our toolbox to keep ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities safe. The vaccine is just one tool. When in public CONTINUE to wear a mask, wash your hands, avoid crowds, and stay at least 6 feet away from others.

The CDC has released updated guidance on the ability to ease the above restrictions in certain situations once you have been fully vaccinated. Please see here for details:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

Who should get vaccinated?

The vaccines are currently available for people 16 years and older with certain conditions. Everyone should talk to their doctor about getting vaccinated. **As a reminder, FHLC uses the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) single-dose vaccine that is approved for ages 18+.** See here to locate the Pfizer vaccine near you as it is the only vaccine approved for ages 16 and 17: <https://vaccinefinder.org>.

More Resources on After You Get Your COVID Vaccine

Next Steps: After You Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine (WI DHS)

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Who should not get vaccinated?

Unfortunately, some people should NOT get the vaccine:

- People with a severe allergy (anaphylaxis) to a vaccine ingredient or to any vaccine.
- People younger than 16 years old.
- People who have COVID-19 symptoms or are isolated because of an exposure RIGHT NOW. You can get vaccinated after you have recovered or are out of isolation.

Can I get the vaccine if I'm pregnant?

People who are pregnant are eligible for COVID vaccines under current state guidelines. Please talk to your doctor or midwife about the vaccine. It is recommended by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

Can I get the vaccine if I have an immune issue or disease?

Certain people with immune issues are eligible for the COVID vaccine. People who have immune issues or diseases should talk to their doctors about getting the vaccine.

I've already had COVID, do I need to get the vaccine?

We recommend that all individuals who are able get the vaccine, even if you have already been diagnosed with COVID. There is no way to know whether you have enough immunity from your past exposure, and it is best to protect yourself with the vaccine.

If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

How much will it cost to get vaccinated?

The vaccine is provided at no cost to patients as Medicare, Medicaid, and all commercial insurers will cover 100% of costs related to vaccine administration. Vaccine administration costs for uninsured patients are billed to a Federal program.